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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

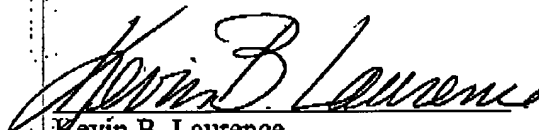
This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2006. At that time claims 1-14 were pending in the application. The Examiner advised that claims 1-14 are subject to election/restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121.

Referring to the classification terminology employed by the Examiner, Applicants hereby elect invention II (claims 7-9) as designated by the Examiner without traverse.

Also, by this paper, claims 15-20 have been added. Claims 15-20 do not contain new matter and find support, for example, in originally presented claims 10-12 and paragraphs [0014] to [0017] of the specification. New claims 15-20 correspond to invention II as designated by the Examiner.

Please contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney in the event the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the foregoing election which could be resolved through a telephonic interview. Also, please contact Applicants' undersigned attorney in the event that any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of this application is found, which could be clarified by a telephonic interview, or which is susceptible to being overcome by means of an Examiner's amendment.

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